

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing for stuffing by pastry food, consisting essentially of a polyamide matrix and a component providing high permeability of the casing with respect to smoke substances and water vapors, wherein said component is a hydrophilic compound in an amount of 4.5-50.0 wt. % of the total weight of the casing, and said hydrophilic compound:

 i) forms in the polyamide matrix a highly dispersed phase with a linear domain size of 0.1-3.0 μm in a direction perpendicular to a surface of the casing ~~film~~ in the polyamide ~~polymide~~ matrix, and

 ii) is solid and soluble ~~soluble~~ in water at 20°C,

 wherein the hydrophilic compound is a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinyl alcohol, polyalkyloxazoline, polyalkylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol ethers, polyvinyl ethers, cellulose ethers, and

 wherein the casing has the water vapor permeability estimated by DIN 53 122-74 of from about 450 to about 515 g/m^2 day and the permeability in respect of phenol of from about 110 to about 160 g/m^2 day, and the tensile strength of from about 148 to about 170 MPa ~~Mpa~~.

Claim 2. (previously presented) The single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing according to claim 1, wherein the polyamide matrix comprises aliphatic polyamide and/or copolyamide and/or terpolyamide.

Claim 3. (previously presented) The single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing according to claim 2, wherein the aliphatic polyamide and/or copolyamide and/or terpolyamide are selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6 and/or copolyamide 6.66

and/or copolyamide 69 and/or copolyamide 612 and/or terpolyamide 6/66.9 and/or terpolyamide 6/66.12.

Claims 4 – 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8. (previously presented) The single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing according to claim 1, wherein said film includes plasticizers and/or dyes and/or pigments and/or antiblocking and/or technological additives.

Claim 9. (cancelled)

Claim 10. (previously presented) The single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing according to claim 1, wherein said casing is made uniaxially oriented.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing according to claim 1, wherein said casing is made biaxially oriented.

Claims 12 – 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (previously presented) The single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic compound is a single polymer selected from the group consisting of vinyl alcohol ethers, polyvinyl alcohol, alkylene glycols, cellulose ethers, and alkyloxazoline.

Claim 18 (previously presented) The single-layer smokable tubular oriented and thermally fixed casing according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic compound is a single polymer selected from the group consisting of vinyl alcohol ethers, alkylene glycols, cellulose ethers, and alkyloxazoline.